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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 7-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 4-6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 3 and 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown et al. For claim 1 Brown teaches a method of operating a network of communication devices (column 3 lines 35-43) comprising the steps of using a first communication device to perform an inquiry (FIG. 29B) referencing a page sequence, which checks whether or not at least one other communication device is present in the communicable range (FIG. 29B, steps 1276, 1278), when there is a response to the inquiry (FIG. 29B, Page substate Hit event) establishing a connection to the network (FIG. 29B steps 1280, 1282), causing the first communication device to change into a role of slave to receive information from the master (column 27 lines 49-57) referenced by the "Master response substate" wherein the first communication device provides a response to the master.

Claim 3 is rejected by claim 1 above and further by Brown's teaching of inquiry scan (FIG. 29C) and page scan (FIG. 29A) which must be repeated in order to establish a network. Further there is only one master to the piconet (column 4 lines 20-23) which inherently states all further incoming connections to the piconet will be slave connections.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown et al. Brown teaches a method of operating a network of communication devices (column 3 lines 35-43) comprising the steps of using a first communication device to perform a page scan (FIG. 29A) which checks whether or not at least one other communication device is present in the communicable range of the first communication device (FIG. 29A, step 1266), determining the presence of at least one other communication device according to a response (FIG. 29A, step 1266 Hit event), establishing the first communication device as the master (FIG. 29A, step 1268) referenced by a Slave response. Storage of slave information is inherent to the master of the network without which there is no master/slave relationship. Further, Brown teaches the master broadcast slave information to at least one other communication device (column 6 lines 21-27) referenced by master transmitted ACL link supported broadcast messages controlling the piconet bandwidth given to each slave.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2, 4-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Citation of Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Mahany et al. teaches a wireless personal local area network inclusive of a back-up master in a network of devices operating in a master/slave relationship. Collar et al. and Welles II et al. teaches similiar prior art in regards to a wireless local area network using the master/slave concept.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John L. Shew whose telephone number is 703-305-8708. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 703-305-4366. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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